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## Wellness and Prevention Health Reform Digest

### Today's News (5/24/16)

- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), [a report](#) finds that the number of uninsured has declined from 36 million in 2014 to 28.6 million in 2015, with under 10 percent of all Americans (9.1 percent) now uninsured. Among 18-64 year olds, the percent uninsured fell from 16.3 percent to 12.8 percent.
- The CDC also reminds us that this week is the 12th annual Healthy and Safe Swimming Week. "This year's theme, [Check Out Healthy and Safe Swimming](#), encourages swimmers and parents of young swimmers to check the latest inspection results for public pools and to do their own inspection before getting in, using a short and easy checklist."
- A good blog from the International Health, Racquet & Sportsclub Association in Morning Consult - [The Missing Sound Bite in the Presidential Campaign](#), urging candidates, "To talk about prevention and how we need to turn healthcare spending on its head."

### Reports and Announcements

- Earlier this month, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published the [final regulation](#) implementing the nondiscrimination provision of the Affordable Care Act, Section 1557, which prohibits discrimination in healthcare on the basis of a number of protected classes, including sex. The Human Rights Campaign [praised the HHS Office for Civil Rights](#) "for implementing a regulation that provides explicit protections from discrimination on the basis of gender identity and sex stereotyping, including for lesbian, gay, and bisexual people, in healthcare and insurance."
- According to the CDC's Office of State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support, "compared with seat belt use alone, [booster seat use](#) reduces the risk for serious injury by 45% among motor vehicle passengers aged 4-8 years." The latest [Prevention Status Reports](#) "has ratings for your state on child passenger safety, additional motor vehicle injury prevention policies, and other important public health concerns."

## Funding and Regulatory Announcements

- Last week, the Food and Drug Administration finalized a new [Nutrition Facts label](#) on packaged foods "with changes that will make it easier for consumers to make informed choices about what they're eating. The changes are based on updated science that reinforces the link between diet and chronic conditions such as obesity, heart disease and diabetes." The new labels will appear on most products by July 26, 2018.

## Take Action

- Center for Science in the Public Interest and Mom's Rising are hosting a #FoodFri tweet chat on healthy aging in celebration of National Older Americans Month. It is scheduled for this Friday, 1:00 -0 2:00 p.m. (EDT). Join them for "a frank conversation on ways to maximize your vitality and actions you can take to improve the health of seniors of your community."
- Reminder - The American College of Sports Medicine is circulating an [organizational sign-on letter](#) in support of H.R. 1499, the *Physical Activity Recommendations for Americans Act*. The legislation "would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to publish physical activity guidelines every ten years based on the latest scientific evidence." **Deadline is Friday.**

## Upcoming Events

- [Cooking up Change](#), Healthy Schools Campaign's national healthy cooking competition "challenges high school culinary students to create healthy and delicious school meals that their peers will enjoy. The national context brings

together teams of student chefs from across the country to compete for the national title, and to raise their voices in support of maintaining a high bar for healthy school food." HSC invites you to attend its Cooking up Change National Awards Reception, Monday, June 6, 5:00-6:30 p.m., U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Ave SW. [To RSVP](#).

- Reminder - The latest installment in the Community Prevention and Multi-Sector Stakeholder Web Forum Series, *[Building Health and Well-Being: Lessons Learned from Transformative Partnerships in Community Development and Health](#)*, is scheduled for June 1st, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. (EDT). "By leveraging the assets and commitments of multiple sectors, community development initiatives play a critical role in advancing community health, safety and equity."

## Opportunities/Deadlines

The Opportunities/Deadlines categories are live links you can click on for further information.

### [Sign On Documents and Opportunities for Input](#)

- CADCA is circulating a [national sign-on letter](#) in support of H.R.953/S.524, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) which currently has over 125 signatures. This bi-partisan comprehensive piece of legislation would make important advancements to effectively address the growing epidemic of drug abuse and misuse in the U.S. To [sign onto the letter](#).
- The National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity (NANA) is asking organizations to sign a pledge to have healthy meetings, conferences, and events. To assist organizations, NANA has developed a [Healthy Meeting Toolkit](#). (no deadline)
- The [CEO Pledge for Physical Activity](#), sponsored by the National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity, "encourages every CEO In the United States and beyond to recognize physical activity as an important driver of employee health and business performance." The number of pledges has risen substantially over the past year to well over 300 business leaders.

### [Regulatory Comments/Federal Postings](#)

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued [draft guidance](#) "intended to support industry in their development of generic versions of approved opioids with abuse-deterrent formulations (ADF) while ensuring that generic ADF opioids are no less abuse-deterrent than the brand-name drug." The agency outlined a number of steps in [an action plan](#) "focused on policies aimed at reversing the epidemic, while still providing patients in pain access to effective relief."

(deadline, Wednesday)

- As part of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF) efforts to better understand the wide range of influences that can help build a national Culture of Health, RWJF has announced that Policies for Action: Policy and Law Research to Build a Culture of Health (P4A) is launching its first call for proposals." Based at Temple University, P4A will consider proposals and fund research that identifies policies, laws, and other regulatory tools in the public and private sectors that can support building a Culture of Health."
- The White House Office of Management and Budget has released a Fall 2015 update of the status of regulations at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- Food, Nutrition & Policy Consultants has updated its document on upcoming regulations that provides a summary of upcoming key regulations regarding nutrition, obesity prevention, nutrition facts labels, tobacco, early care and education, and other public health topics based on a scan of the most recent Semiannual Regulatory Agenda publication (December 2015 update) - with multiple deadlines.

#### Funding Opportunities and Awards

- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has announced a call for proposals for Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health, a program supporting "investigator-initiated research to develop the evidence base needed to build a national Culture of Health - in which everyone has the opportunity to live their healthiest life possible." Between five and 12 grants will be awarded each year, totaling approximately \$2.2 million. (Letters of intent are being accepted on a rolling basis.
- The President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition has announced a funding opportunity - Enhance Physical Education with the Presidential Youth Fitness Program. "Schools and districts can apply now to receive resources to enhance implementation of the nation's youth fitness education and assessment program. Eligible schools and districts (10 or more schools) can receive up to \$1,000 in resources including software, student recognition items and more. Let's Move! Active Schools that have completed their school assessment are eligible to receive up to \$2,000 in resources. (applications will be considered until funds are exhausted.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has announced a new Funding Opportunity Announcement - Enhanced State Surveillance of Opioid-Involved Morbidity and Mortality. "CDC plans to support up to 11 state health departments with high burden of drug overdose under this three-year initiative

with an average award amount of \$335,000 each year. To [view the FOA](#), (enter CDC-RFA-CE16-1608 under Funding Opportunity Number. (deadline for applications, June 27th)

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has announced a funding opportunity -- [Collecting Violent Death Information using the National Violent Death Reporting System](#). Up to \$3,300,000 is available for up to seven awards. The data collected will be part of CDC's National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). (deadline, Friday)
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Injury has released two funding announcements related to the [Prescription Drug Overdose \(PDO\): Data-Driven Prevention Initiative](#) "for states to help prevent opioid misuse, abuse and overdose. CDC will commit \$21 million over the 3-year project period to support states to decrease rates of opioid prescribing; decrease number of emergency department visits related to opioid misuse; and decrease rates and number of opioid-related overdose deaths." The opportunities are a Planning and Data cooperative agreement and Prevention in Action funding. (deadline, Friday)
- The American Public Health Association, the Aetna Foundation and the National Association of Counties, in partnership with CEOs for Cities, have launched the [Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge](#), "a multiyear program to encourage small to mid-sized cities, counties and federally recognized tribes to convene multisector partnerships in support of positive health change. More than \$1.5 million in prizes will be awarded to participants that demonstrate measurable change in the next few years." (deadline, May 31st)
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released a funding announcement for [Teen Dating and Youth Violence Prevention](#). Its purpose "is to support local health departments with high-levels of capacity and readiness to prevent teen dating violence and youth violence to expand existing prevention efforts to address shared risk and protective factors." (deadline, June 6th)
- Reminder - From ideas42, a new program, [Using Behavioral Science to Advance Community Health and Well-Being](#), "which is currently soliciting applications from communities who are tackling challenging problems in community health and well-being, and who are interested in learning how the field of behavioral science, which provides deeper insights into how people make decisions and take actions, can be used to develop better solutions to these problems." (deadline, June 17th)
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released an [Informational Bulletin](#) "explaining a new demonstration project to evaluate the impact of direct certification for both free and reduced price school meals. The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has issued a Request for Applications

inviting state agencies that administer school meal programs to participate in the new demonstration project. (deadline for applications for the 2017-2018 school year, September 16th)

## ***Upcoming Events***

(all in-person events in Washington, DC unless otherwise noted, and today's additions in red)

### **Evaluation, Implementation and Sustainability with CATCH onto Health! Consortium**

Sponsored by Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH)

Tuesday, May 24th, Noon (EDT) - webinar

[To register](#)

### **Zika in the U.S.: Can We Manage the Risk?**

Sponsored by the Wilson Center

Tuesday, May 24th, 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Wilson Center - Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

[To RSVP](#)

### **Outdoor Air Toxics: The Latest Research and Fracking's Impacts on Community Health**

Sponsored by Physicians for Social Responsibility

Tuesday, May 24th, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (EDT) - webinar

[To register](#)

### **Notah Begay III Foundation (NB3F) Annual Community Partners Conference**

May 24th - 25th

[For more information and to register](#)

### **Find It, Fix It, Fund It (lead poisoning)**

Sponsored by the National Center for Healthy Housing

Wednesday, May 25th, 1:00 p.m. (EDT) - webinar

[To register](#)

### **Making Connections that Stick: Best Practices that Turn Outreach into Relationships**

Sponsored by Enroll America and the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

Wednesday, May 25th, 2:00 p.m. (EDT) - webinar

[To register](#)

### **2016 Healthy Retail Webinar Series: Snacking**

Sponsored by Center for Science in the Public Interest and the Produce for Better Health Foundation

Wednesday, May 25th, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (EDT) - webinar

[To register](#)

### **Ready. Set. Vaccinate!: 12th Annual Conference**

Sponsored by the National Conference for Immunization Coalitions and Partnerships

May 25th - 27th

Indianapolis, IN

[For conference details](#)

### **Creating New Opportunities for Active Communities: Shared-Use & Parks Policies in New York State**

Sponsored by DASH-NY

Thursday, May 26th, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. (EDT)

[To register](#)

### **Engaging the Business Sector in Preventing Violence**

Sponsored by Prevention Institute

Tuesday, May 31st, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. (EDT)

[To register](#)

### **2016 National Health Care for the Homeless Conference & Policy Symposium**

Sponsored by the National Health Care for the Homeless Council

May 31st - June 3rd

Hilton Portland & Executive Tower; Portland, OR

[For more information and to register](#)

### **American Hiking Society's National Trails Day**

Saturday, June 4th (Events in all 50 states and D.C.)

[To register an event for free](#)

[To find an event near you](#)

### **2016 Summer Institute**

Sponsored by The Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy

June 6th - 8th

Baltimore, MD

[For more information and to register](#)

### **Investing in Children's Health and the New "Pay for Success" Approach**

Sponsored by the National Institute for Health Care Management Institute

Monday, June 6th, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (EDT) - webinar

[To register](#)



## **Healthy Food Financing as a Cornerstone of Community and Economic Development**

Sponsored by Voices for Healthy Kids

Tuesday, June 7th, 1:00 p.m. (EDT) - webinar

[To register](#)

## **Healthy Housing for Older Adults: Housing as a Platform for Community Health Systems**

National Safe and Health Housing Coalition

Tuesday, June 7th, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (EDT) - webinar

[To register](#)

## **Age of Opportunity: Lessons from the New Science of Adolescence**

Sponsored by The Dibble Institute

Wednesday, June 8th, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (EDT) - webinar

[To register](#)

## **Partners for Better Health Summit: A Summit for Stakeholders Engaged in Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease**

June 8th - 10th (core conference June 9th - 10th)

Marriott Pyramid North, Albuquerque, NM

[For more information and to register](#)

## **Patient Centered Medical Home Transformation and Advanced Primary Care**

Sponsored by the Healthcare Association of New York State

June 8th - 9th, New York City

June 13th - 14th, Saratoga Springs

[For more information and to register](#)

## **NEHA 2016 AEC & HUD Healthy Homes Conference**

Sponsored by the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative

June 13th - 16th

San Antonio, TX

[For more information and to register](#)

## **Changing Perspectives**

Sponsored by the International Conference on Transport and Health

June 13th - 15th

[For more information](#)

## **Detection and Typing of Legionella for Outbreak Response**

Sponsored by the Association of Public Health Laboratories

June 14, 2016 · 1:00-2:00 p.m. (EDT) - webinar

[To register](#) (by June 12th)



### **Undiagnosed Hypertension in the Safety Net**

Sponsored by the National Association of Community Health Centers is hosting a  
Tuesday, June 14th, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (EDT) - webinar  
[To register](#)

### **Our Workplaces & the Opioid Epidemic - What We Need to Know, What We Can Do**

Sponsored by the Massachusetts Health Council (for businesses and employers)  
Thursday, June 16th, 8:00 a.m. - Noon  
Westin Waltham - Waltham, MA  
[For more information and to register](#)

### **Preserving Chronic Pain Patients' Access to Medicine**

Sponsored by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and the Alliance to  
Prevent the Abuse of Medicines  
Thursday, June 16th, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
485 Russell Senate Office Building  
[To RSVP](#) (by June 15th)

### **9th Annual Breakfast With Champions**

Sponsored by the Campaign to End Obesity  
Thursday, June 16th, 8:30 a.m.  
Reserve Officers Association  
One Constitution Avenue, NE  
[To RSVP](#)

### **Community Violence as a Population Health Issue**

Sponsored by the Roundtable on Population Health Improvement  
Thursday, June 16th  
Brooklyn, NY  
[For more information and to register.](#)

### **2016 National School-Based Health Care Convention**

Sponsored by School-Based Health Alliance  
June 26th - 29th  
Arlington, Virginia  
[For more information](#)

### **{save the date}National Youth Sports Week**

July 10th - 16th  
2168 Rayburn House Office Building (Gold Room)  
More information to follow

**Unity Conference: Community Health Workers: Social Change Agents Advancing  
Health Equity and Improving Outcomes**

Sponsored by the Center for Sustainable Health Outreach (CSHO) at the University of Southern Mississippi

July 17th - 20th

[For more information and to register](#)

### **2016 Your Weight Matters National Convention**

Sponsored by the Obesity Action Coalition (OAC)

August 25th - 28th

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center

[For more details](#)

### **Community Benefit 101: The Nuts and Bolts of Planning and Reporting Community Benefit**

Sponsored by the Catholic Health Association

October 4th - 5th

The Chase Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, MO

[For more information and to register](#)

### **Reducing Disparities for People with Disabilities Through Systems Change**

Sponsored by the Southwest Conference on Disability

October 5th - 7th

[For more information, including a call for proposals](#) (deadline, May 6th)

### **10th Annual Southern Obesity Summit**

November 13th - 15th

Houston, TX

[For more information and to register](#)

[Call for Proposals](#)

(deadline, Friday)

### **Street Lights: Illuminating Implementation and Equity in Complete Streets**

Sponsored by Complete Streets

November 15th

Sacramento, CA

[For more information and to register](#)

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